



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION

HÖLZLE ET AL.

SERIAL No. 10/090,762

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FOR: METHANOL REFORMING CATALYST HAVING A REDUCED VOLUME SHRINKAGE

CONFIRMATION No.: 7164

GROUP ART UNIT: 1754

EXAMINER: M. M. SANABRIA

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of June 10, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following and the attached be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Claims 1 to 14 as set forth in Appendix II of applicants' reply dated March 01, 2004, are currently pending in this case.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(f) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable in light of the teaching of *Hölzle et al.* (US 2002/0169075¹).

Applicants herewith submit a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 which is executed by Drs. M. Hölzle, M. J. Sprague, K. Harth, M. Schüssler, M. Karl and S. Boneberg, and by Ms. K. Pöpel who is the

1) Application Serial No. 10/090,763 filed on March 06, 2002.